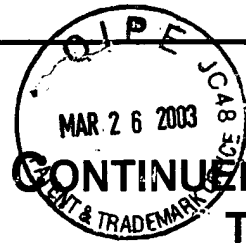


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/153,644
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First Named Inventor	Suzanne W. Doherty
Group Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	R bert M. Joyner
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SI/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [DATE OF PREVIOUS AMENDMENT*]
Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [DATE OF APPEAL BRIEF*]

iii. ☐ Other *****

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 03/27/2003 BNGUYEN1 00000106 140629 09153644

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Request for Three-Month Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ***** months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other *****

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☐ Other *****

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